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TRANSFER OF THE WORK OF THE CHINA CONTIN- UATION COMMITTEE TO THE NATIONAL CHRISTIAN COUNCIL

As soon as the National Conference adjourned the China Continuation Committee undertook to transfer to the National Christian Council such of its work, equipment and assets as the latter cared to accept.

The China Continuation Committee closed its books on May 31st and formally brought its work to an end. It transferred to the N.C.C. as much of its work as the executive committee has found it feasible to take over. They further turned over their offices at 5 Quinsan Gardens, including the leases of Nos. 3 and 4 Quinsan Gardens which the C. C. C. had rented in order to provide additional offices for missionary organizations closely affiliated to its work. The headquarters of National Christian Council will, therefore, continue to be at 5 Quinsan Gardens pending the completion of the new Missions Building, plans and specifications for which are now about ready. It is expected that it will require approximately two years for the completion of the first section of the Missions Building.

The office equipment turned over by the China Continuation Committee to the National Christian Council including furniture, typewriters, addressograph, multigraph, duplicating machines, etc. and the nucleus of a valuable reference library is worth approximately Mex. \$9,000.00. In addition the China Continuation Com-

mittee handed over to the treasurers of the National Christian Council all of its balances in hand and sundry assets in the form of unpaid pledges on the last fiscal year of the China Continuation Committee ending March 31st which have since been collected, bills receivable, etc., given in the financial statement on the following page.

OUR APPEAL TO YOU

We beg to say that we are thinking of you not in terms of a bishop, a pastor, a church member, a man, a woman, a Chinese or a foreigner, but of you as a fellow-Christian, as a part of the whole.

Won't you please always remember that the Council stands for the nurture of an indigenous church and a spirit of unity and cooperation between all the churches and missions.

Won't you please always remember that the Council as an organization cannot be independent of the churches or you but has its life in you and its success depends entirely upon you.

Won't you in your prayers always remember us as servants of the Council and through the Council servants of yours, anxious to do the will of God and to carry out your desire concerning the church as far as strength allows.

Won't you always remember that we, your servants, are just like any other human beings, subject to limitations, prone to make mistakes and your generosity and frankness will always be needed.

And may we assure you in a word that your criticisms, advice, suggestions, information about the work of the Council will always be welcome and greatly appreciated.

Y. J. Fan

K. T. Chung

The Bulletin

The Executive Committee of the National Christian Council has decided to issue a monthly bulletin in Chinese and another in English as a means of keeping in touch with its constituency. It is hoped that the bulletin may also serve as a useful clearing-house of information regarding the cooperative work of the Christian forces in China.

For the present the bulletins will be mailed free of charge to those on the mailing list of the National Christian Council. The Chinese list is very large and includes more than 13,000 names, and the increase in postal rates may make a small charge necessary. Such a charge would also enable the Council to circulate the bulletin on newspaper rates and would result in a very considerable saving not only of money but of time and expense in handling.

The Council is most desirous of reaching all who wish to keep in touch with the work and will appreciate your filling in and returning the slip attached to this issue. It is hoped that the Chinese edition will reach at least one member in every Chinese congregation, preferably the pastor or one of the church officers who will undertake to keep the congregation informed of matters that are found to be of interest. It is hoped that in this way the bulletin may prove a helpful link between the Christians of all denominations and of all parts of China and may strengthen both the spiritual life of the church and contribute to its missionary outreach. Mr. S. Peter Chuan, the Editor of the China For Christ bulletins issued by the China Continuation Committee, will act as editor of the National Christian Council's bulletin in Chinese. In this work he will have the assistance of a publicity committee.

China For Christ Movement

Great interest has been aroused in many parts of China in the China For Christ Movement. "China For Christ" is a watch-cry that has been taken up by many Chinese Christians. It is increasingly coming to express the longings in their hearts and the burden of their prayers.

Not a few of the large cities have organized "their city for Christ" movements. This development has been entirely spontaneous. The Committee organized by the Conference in January, 1920, which started the Movement did little beyond issuing the China For Christ Bulletins and organizing groups of persons all over China to pray for the realization of the Movement's aim.

The executive committee of the National Christian Council at its meetings in May and in September has considered with some care the

question of the future of this movement. It has come to the conclusion that the Movement is really as broad in its purposes as the work of the churches and missions and that the creation of the National Christian Council makes a separate organization or committee unnecessary. The watch-cry "China For Christ" has, however, aroused such a popular response among the Chinese Christians that it is felt desirable to perpetuate it in the bulletins of the National Christian Council. The characters (中華歸主) will accordingly be found at the head of the Chinese issues of the bulletin.

Financial Statement

Amounts Paid By the C.C.C. to the N.C.C.

Property Account:

Office equipment-approximately	Mex. \$ 9,000.00
Six Shanghai Mutual Telephone shares par value Tls 300; market value Tls. 42.00	577.00 \$ 9,577.00

Timothy Richard Prize:

Chinese Gov't Reorganization Loan 1913 5% Bonds (British issue) par value £ market value	£ 525.00
Shanghai Municipal Council Loan 1921, 8% deb.	Tls. 100.00
Shanghai Municipal Council Loan 1922, 7% deb.	Tls. 100.00
Timothy Richard Prize Fund Income account	(Tls. 55.53 (\$ 240.00

Current Account:

Paid from balance in hand C. C. C. acct. on May 31st	Mex. \$16,646.32
From outstanding pledges, bills receivable etc. (already received)	10,070.03
	26,716.35 \$ 26,716.35

In addition the C. C. C. transferred to the N. C. C. for special committees:

China For Christ Movement	\$ 5,885.55
China Christian Literature Council	1,742.72
Daily Vacation Bible School	1,490.62
Conf. on Social & Moral Welfare for Temperance Literature	1,274.39
Com. on Work for Moslems	1,645.05
	12,038.33 12,038.33
Total	38,754.68

Bills Receivable:

From sale of Survey Volume (if all are sold)	\$ 6,842.90
Grand Total	\$ 45,597.58

Conference Records

The two committees appointed by the National Christian Conference in May to issue the Conference Records have been hard at work. The English edition is now half through the press and should be ready by February 1st. Two thousand copies are being printed. The price of the book is Mex. \$4.00.

The editorial work on the Chinese edition is about completed and the matter will be pushed through the press as rapidly as possible. The book will sell for only Mex. \$1.50 instead of \$3.50 as announced at the Na-

tional Conference. Every fulltime worker should have a copy and should be expected to study it. In some sections station classes and regular study courses using the commission reports as text books have been held.

Rev. T. T. Lew has prepared a handbook for use in the study of the first part of Commission III. This book was used at the Y. M. C. A. summer conferences.

It has been suggested that the Chinese edition of the Records will be greatly appreciated as Christmas and New Year's gifts. Place your orders with the Mission Book Company, 13 North Szechuen Road, Shanghai.

In the event that the Chinese edition is not ready in time for Christmas, cards, which upon presentation at the Mission Book Company will insure the sending of a copy of the book, will be sent you when your order is received.

Permanent Staff

At the June meetings of the executive committee much time was given to very earnest and prayerful consideration of the selection of those who should be called as permanent officers of the Council. Invitations were finally extended to Rt. Rev. L. H. Roots, D. D., Dr. Henry T. Hodgkin, Miss Fan Yu-jung and Rev. K. T. Chung. All of those thus elected have since signified their willingness to accept the invitation of the Council to become its fulltime officers. Only one, however, Miss Fan, has thus far been released from her other duties so as to devote her fulltime to the Council's work. The National Committee of the Y. W. C. A. very kindly released Miss Fan on September 15th at which time she began her work with the Council.

Rev. K. T. Chung, the pastor of St. Peter's Church, has been giving half time to the work of the Council since September 15th. It is hoped that his release from his other work may be secured within the next month or two so that he can give fulltime to the Council's work.

Dr. Hodgkin has accepted the call of the Council. He is now in England and has accepted responsibilities which make his departure impossible before the beginning of 1923. He is due here some time in March.

Regarding the release of Bishop Roots, it was hoped that final action would be taken by the General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the U. S. A. at its recent meeting in Portland, Ore. The matter has, however, been referred to the Chung Hwa Sheng Kung Hui. Bishop Roots is expecting to return to China in January and we trust that the way may open for him to undertake the work as one of the fulltime officers of the Council during the early part of next year.

Acting Secretaries

Dr. C. Y. Cheng and Rev. E. C. Lobenstine, having declined to stand for re-election at this time as secretaries to the Council, consented to serve for a few months before their departure for America as acting secretaries. Dr. Cheng sailed for America in August and has already begun his further theological studies there. Mr. Lobenstine has twice delayed his departure at the request of the Council but sailed on November 19th.

After his departure and pending the arrival of the new foreign secretaries a committee-of-advice has been appointed at the request of the Chinese secretaries. This committee consists of Rev. Bishop L. J. Birney, Rev. C. G. Sparham and Rev. C. E. Patton, Rev. F. Rawlinson and Miss R. Venable.

Special Committees Appointed By The China Continuation Committee

When the China Continuation Committee closed its work the following committees appointed by it desired to be continued and were desirous of sustaining the same relation to the National Christian Council they had previously sustained to the China Continuation Committee.

The executive committee of the National Christian Council at its September meeting passed the following resolution:

"In view of the fact that the full staff of the Council cannot be secured until shortly before the annual meeting and of the necessity of carefully considering the policy of the National Christian Council in regard to 'promotional activities,'

"VOTED to request the following committees to carry on for the time being independently of the

National Christian Council and to leave open until the first annual meeting the question of their more permanent relation to the Council, whether as special committees to be appointed by it, as affiliated organizations or as independent bodies. These committees are: *The China Christian Literature Council, The Daily Vacation Bible School Movement, the Committee on Work for Moslems, the Committee on Work for the Blind, the Committee on Social and Moral Welfare and the Committee on Christian Standards of Industry.*"

This action must not be taken as indicating any lack of interest on the work of these committees and leaves the whole question of their future relation to the National Christian Council open for discussion at the annual meeting. The executive committee hesitated, however, to accept responsibility for these committees, both because it did not feel prepared to commit the Council as a whole to make itself responsible for these activities until the Council had time to consider carefully where its own main emphasis should be placed and also lest it overburden unduly the new secretaries during this first year in which only a part of the staff will be available. A word in regard to several of these committees will explain the present situation.

The China Christian Literature Council

This committee was appointed by the China Continuation Committee and consists of twenty-four members, one-third retiring each year. It has been recognized by the literature committees of the Conference of Missionary Societies both in Great Britain and American as a body which they are prepared to have act as their representatives in the development of Christian literature in the administration of such funds as they are prepared to entrust to it. The annual meeting of the China Christian Literature Council was held in Shanghai on October 12th and 13th. Something over \$6,000 was available through the above-mentioned literature committees in North America and Great Britain for expenditure during the coming year and plans have been made for the use of the money.

Every effort is being made so to administer this fund at the present time as to stimulate more writing by the Chinese themselves. Grants are being made (1) For a devotional book for the use of the rank and file of church members with scripture selections and brief remarks upon the same and prayers for each day's study; (2) For the preparation of a hymn-book of original Chinese hymns or of new translations or adaptations of old ones; (3) For a book of Chinese Christian poems; (4) For a book of "Christian Evidences" which, it is hoped, may be as influential in meeting the present situation as was Dr. Martin's work years ago. Grants are also being made to certain Christian magazines for the purchase of articles and to others for a series of prizes to be given to some eight different Christian papers.

In addition the China Christian Literature Council administers the Timothy Richard Prize Fund. The income of this fund of £500 (less death taxes) left by the late Timothy Richard to the China Continuation Committee for the purpose of an annual prize, amounts to approximately Mex. \$240. The prize during the past two years has been given in the form of a year's scholarship to a student or recent graduate of a Christian College desiring to prepare himself for Christian literary work. The 1922 recipient of the prize was led through this competition and through receiving the prize to decide to take a theological course.

The Committee on Social and Moral Welfare

Dr. Frank Rawlinson has been chairman of this Committee for the past few years. The articles on opium and the liquor traffic contained in the Survey Volume were prepared by the Committee. It carries on an extensive correspondence and is working in very close touch with the Shanghai Moral Welfare League, of which Dr. Rawlinson is also chairman. Its work is largely educational in character.

The Committee on Industrial Relations

This committee was organized to prepare that part of the Report of Commission II, dealing with the relation of the church to industrial questions. It is an active body with

a membership at the present time confined to Shanghai but interested in organizing similar groups in other industrial centres. It greatly feels the need of closer relationship to the National Christian Council. It has accordingly decided to request the executive committee of the National Christian Council to reconsider its action taken at the September meeting, asking the Committee on Industrial Relations to carry on independently for the time being.

The visit of Dr. Sherwood Eddy is arousing great interest in industrial questions and is serving as a challenge to this committee to move forward along the lines of the recommendations adopted at the National Conference. It earnestly asks for the prayers and help of Christians generally in seeking to make possible the changes which the church is recommending.

The Daily Vacation Bible Schools

This Movement of very recent growth was started by Dr. Robert G. Boville, the International Director of the Daily Vacation Bible School Association. The growth of interest in this work during the past three years, due largely to the presentation made by Dr. Boville, is one of the striking recent developments in Christian work in China. The past summer saw some 708 schools, averaging six weeks, with an average attendance of thirty-six, in forty towns and cities and a total enrollment of 25,408 pupils.

Committee for the Promotion of Phonetic Script

The work of this committee is

so well-known that little need be said about it. It has unfortunately lost its very efficient secretary, Miss S. J. Garland of the China Inland Mission, who has gone to Australia on furlough. Her work during the past few years has resulted in wide-spread interest throughout China in the whole problem of illiteracy in the Church, and in the use of the National Phonetic system as a means of overcoming it. The committee has completed the preparation of the entire New Testament and parts of the Old Testament in the Phonetic, has inspired the holding of many station classes for illiterates, mostly women and girls, in which scores of illiterate adults have proved at least in those mandarin-speaking sections of China, where the dialect is not too different from the Northern mandarin, illiteracy can be overcome in the church through the use of the phonetic. The committee continuing its work, and will receive the necessary financial aid from the Milton Stewart Evangelistic Fund.

The Committees on Work for Moslems and Work for the Blind are also continuing under the committees appointed by the China Continuation Committee.

Committee on Work for Buddhists

This committee was organized in 1920 as a result of the work which had been done by Rev. Karl L. Reichelt and Dr. Lewis Hodous. It has not been active during the past two years but will doubtless be revived now that Mr. Reichelt has returned. Mr. Reichelt is to make his headquarters in Nanking.

BUDGET

Financing of the National Christian Council

The constitution of the National Christian Council contains the following statement:

"The National Christian Council shall prepare an annual budget to cover its own expenses and this together with the budgets of the Affiliated Organizations shall be sent as an appeal for funds to church and other Christian organizations in China, to individual givers in China and elsewhere, and to the Missionary Societies abroad through the national missionary organizations in the different countries.

"The Council shall not assume financial obligations for expenditures for any given year beyond the amount available for the preceding year, except as the funds for such increase in expenditures may have been assured. The Council shall not be authorized to incur debts which may become an obligation upon the Christian church in China or other cooperating bodies."

The Budget

The Executive Committee has approved a budget for the expenses of the National Christian Council for the three years beginning April 1st, 1923, which is given herewith:

1st year-April 1st, 1923-March 31st, 1924.

I. Chinese Staff.

Rev. K. T. Chung	\$2,400.00	
Miss Y. J. Fan	1,440.	
Mr. S. P. Chuan	2,400.	
Assistant Chinese secretaries (2)	2,400.	
Chinese writers (2) \$30 - \$50	1,000.	
Chinese typists, clerks, etc.	1,700.	\$11,340.00

II. Foreign Staff.

Bishop Root's salary (It is expected that this will be provided by the Foreign Mission Board of the American Church Mission, Mex. \$6700.00)

Dr. H. T. Hodgkin	4,800.00	
Office Secretary and Statistician	4,800.	
Stenographers (3)	6,300.	
Rent for three foreign secretaries	4,000.	
Furlough travel for foreign staff	4,500.	24,400.00

III. Office Expenses.

Rent, light, heat water, insurance, equipment	3,500.00	
Office supplies, stationery, postage, telegrams, printing (including statistics, etc.)	4,000.	7,500.00

IV. Travel of Staff in China.

2,500.00

V. Committee Meetings.

Travel of members to annual, executive or other committee meetings	6,500.00
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VI. Publications.

Monthly bulletins-Chinese \$2,400 and English \$1,200	3,600.00	
Commission reports, pamphlets etc. in Chinese and English	2,000.	
China Mission Year Book (Steno-help)	600.	
China Church Year Book	300.	
Directory of Protestant Missions	50.	6,550.00

VII. Incidentals.

2,000.00

Grand total for the National Christian Council	\$60,790.00
2nd year-April 1st, 1924-March 31st, 1925 add approximately Mex. \$15,000 making a total of	\$75,000.00
3rd year-April 1st, 1925-March 31st, 1926 add approximately Mex. \$15,000 making a total of	\$90,000.00

Grants to Affiliated Organizations.

In view of the fact that the China Continuation Committee has for some years past made grants of G.\$1500 to the China Christian Educational Association and of Mex. \$1500 to the China Medical Missionary Association and in view further of the fact a grant of \$15,000 a year from the China Medical Board to the China Medical Missionary Association is conditional upon the China Medical Missionary Association raising from other sources Mex. \$14,500 and that the China Medical Missionary Association needs this amount to take advantage of this China Medical Board grant:

And in view further of the great urgency of the China Christian Education Association enlarging its staff so as to carry out some of the more necessary provisions recommended by the Educational Commission:

The National Christian Council undertakes to do its utmost to secure from the Missionary Societies or their Home Boards these items in addition to its own budget.

The budget for the current year is considerably smaller inasmuch as there were inevitable delays in starting the work of the Council. The larger part of the expenses of the current fiscal year, June 1st, 1922 to March 31st, 1923, will be met out of the balances turned over by the China Continuation Committee. Some additional contributions from the co-operating bodies will, however, be necessary. In view of the extreme difficulty of securing prompt financial action by a large number of independent bodies whose source of income is mainly abroad it is indeed fortunate that the China Continuation Committee was able to turn over such a large balance.

The Attitude of the Board Secretaries to the Council.

The Conference of Missionary Societies both in Great Britain and in America are definitely committed to the idea of the desirability of there being a national Christian council in China and recognize that the financing of the Council is a just claim upon the income of the missionary societies. During the past few years the China Continuation Committee has been carrying on an extended correspondence with the secretaries of these conferences. At a meeting of the International Missionary Council, a delegated body appointed by the conferences of missionary societies in different lands, held in England, July 27-30, 1922, the conclusions on this subject were clearly stated and are being submitted to each of the constituents for their consideration. The statement can only be summarized here:

1. Sources of financial support for such national organizations.

- The churches in the country in which the council is

organized should contribute a fair proportion of its finances.

- b. The foreign missions in each of these fields or their home boards should also provide their proportion of these finances.
- c. In certain emergencies appeals may be made to individuals. The International Missionary Council, however, "deprecates any dependence upon such income as *tending to lessen the responsibility of the churches and missions for making necessary provision for the support of these Councils.*" It also suggests that when such appeals to individuals are necessary due care be taken to consult the officers of the missionary societies concerned.

2. Procedure.

It is suggested that the councils present their budgets

- a. To their church bodies in their own field.
- b. To the missions in each field so that the latter may recommend to their respective boards the making of necessary grants.

The hope is expressed that in forwarding such budgets the councils may at the same time give some indication as to what the proportionate contribution of each society might well be and further, that copies of the budget be forwarded to the national missionary organizations in Western countries both for their information and in order that they may take such action as they may deem desirable.

3. Field Budgets.

- a. It is urged that the budget should be prepared "not less than three years in advance" in order to afford the time necessary to secure action by the missions and boards on the field and in the "sending countries".
- b. It is regarded as desirable "that the councils aim to include in one budget all the expenditures of national missionary organizations in their respective fields so that there be only one appeal each year from each field to the churches and missionary

agencies."

(In this connection it is pointed out that it is important to distinguish between the expenses of the administration of the Council itself and such national organizations as are affiliated with it.)

- c. It is expected that the councils will not assume financial obligations for expenditures for any given year beyond the amount available for the preceding year except as the funds for such increased expenditure may have been secured.

The Financial Appeal to the Chinese Churches

The executive committee is of the opinion that the Chinese churches should be asked to contribute approximately one-sixth of the budget for the year 1923-1924. In their judgment it is desirable that no appeals should be made during this calendar year but that the Council should first be given an opportunity to get fully launched and to get into touch with its constituency through its bulletin and in other ways. The Chinese members of the executive committee are enthusiastic in regard to the help which the Council should be able to render to the churches and believe that loyal support will come in increasing amount from the Chinese Churches.

The Financial Appeal to the Missions

The budget with a covering letter has been sent by the executive committee to the secretaries of the missions so far as they are known to it. If your mission has not received a copy of the letter will you kindly send us the name of its official correspondent.

The following Missions have already reported action favoring participation in the work of the Council and recommending to their missionary societies the making of an annual grant toward its expenses. Many societies have not yet met or have neglected to act. Some will not hold meetings at which action can be taken until next spring or summer. It is important that every mission that is prepared to cooperate

in the Council should take action as promptly as possible and report the results to the Council, otherwise it may find it extremely difficult to carry forward the work entrusted to it. So far word has been received from only one mission of one society as having taken action not favoring cooperation in the Council.

Cooperating Missions

Protestant Episcopal Church
American Board of Commissioners of Foreign Missions
Methodist Episcopal Church, North
American Presbyterian Mission, North
London Missionary Society
American Baptist Foreign Mission Society
Norwegian Missionary Society
American Bible Society
China Inland Mission
Peking Union Medical College
Methodist Protestant Mission
Swedish Covenant Missionary Society
Swedish Mission (C. I. M.)
Canton Christian College

Evangelistic Outreach

At the September meeting the executive committee faced the question of what the Council could undertake to do during the next few months before its full staff has been secured in addition to the completion of its organization and the raising of the necessary funds to carry on its work. The following report was adopted:

"In considering what course should, at the present time, be adopted by the National Christian Council in fulfilment of its responsibility to assist the Christian movement in China, the executive committee feel that action should be based upon recommendations in the reports of the Commissions presented to the National Christian Conference, more particularly those of No. III "The Message of the Church." The Committee recognize on the one hand the danger lest, by indefiniteness in their aims, their efforts should fail to be practically useful in actual results. On the other hand, they are alive to the difficulty and risk attaching to concrete suggestions, which might be regarded as officious interference with the work of the Christian or-

ganizations of the country, and be resented accordingly, with consequent loss of influence for the National Christian Council. In submitting the following suggestions to the notice of the Christian workers and churches, the Committee venture to hope that they will kindly be considered and interpreted in the light of the foregoing remarks."

I. Stimulating Evangelistic Effort.

1. By the appointment of a committee on Evangelism whose duties will be:

- a. To study the most helpful means of effective evangelism.
- b. To get in touch with evangelistic efforts in China and to maintain a list of evangelists whose services might be desired for the holding of evangelistic meetings.
- c. To secure the production of a few books and pamphlets suitable for use in evangelistic work.
- d. To encourage the study of the Bible with a view to its application to personal life.

2. By endeavouring to promote through the China Christian Educational Association evangelistic effort on behalf of students in Christian schools and colleges.

(Mr. Hoste was asked to draft a letter to be sent to the General Secretary of the Educational Association in regard to this matter)

II. Arranging for the holding of retreat conferences for leaders; meeting for spiritual edification, prayer and intercession.

III. Publicity.

1. The circulation of the Conference reports.
 - a. To secure a wide sale for the full report both in Chinese and English.
 - b. To place special emphasis upon the circulation of the Report of Commission III, Part I among Christians, and Part II among Non-Christians.

(It was suggested that the Committee set as its goal the circulation of at least half a million copies of Part II)

c. To give wide publicity to selected portions of the Commission reports through the preparation of suitable posters, pamphlets, etc.

2. The Promotion of the study of the Conference Reports by station classes, pastors' gatherings, student meetings, etc. (The pamphlet prepared by Dr. Timothy Lew for use in connection with the study of Commission III was referred to and it was suggested that one or more additional manuals might prove helpful.)

3. The preparation of one or more stereoptican lectures emphasizing important facts regarding the situation now facing the Christian Church in China.

4. The issuing of a monthly bulletin as the official organ of the National Christian Council

IV. The financing of the National Christian Council.

V. Preparation for the first annual meeting of the Council.

A Call for the Consecration of Life

In following this program the first step taken was to send a letter to the China Christian Educational Association which included the following paragraph:

"We have been impressed by the appeal to consecration of life to Christ, made in Section of Chapter I of the 'Message of the Church,' and we believe it will be generally agreed, that such conversion and consecration of life are, as a rule, most easily brought about between the ages of thirteen and twenty one. Experience has shown that special missions, wisely arranged and conducted by duly qualified preachers, are very effective in bringing young people, who have been under Christian training and instruction, to a definite yielding of the life to the Saviour in personal repentance and faith. We know, of course, that the principal aim of those responsible for Christian educational institutions, is the spiritual welfare of their pupils, and we thankfully recognize the large measure of success, which, with God's blessing, has attended their

work and ministry in this regard. We believe, however, the special form of effort now suggested deserves the careful consideration of those concerned, with a view to its extension in the Christian institutions of China. That the arrangement of such special missions is attended with difficulty and of temporary inconvenience to the ordinary work of a college or school, is evident. We feel, however, that this is not a sufficient reason against holding them. We venture to express the hope your Executive Committee may feel able to submit the suggestion, contained in this letter, to the consideration of the China Christian Educational Association at its meeting, with a view to taking steps for carrying it into effect."

As a further means of helping the evangelistic outreach of the Church, an effort is being made to secure the circulation through the church, of a half a million copies of the second part of Commission III, presented at the National Christian Conference, namely, "The Message to Non-Christians." Already some twenty four thousand copies have been ordered through the Council's office. Copies may be secured at \$7.00 per thousand through the National Christian Council office, 5 Quinsan Gardens, Shanghai. Friends are liberty to reprint wherever they can do so more advantageously but it is hoped that the whole church will unite in a wide-spread distribution of this evangelistic appeal during the next two or three months. It is felt that it will also prove an excellent tract for distribution during the Week of Evangelism. Will you unite with others in giving it the widest possible circulation?

The staff is cooperating in such ways as it may find possible with Mr. Sherwood Eddy and hopes to be of some help especially in the 'follow-up' work after his meetings.

The Christian Approach of the Industrial

A New Chapter in the History of the Church in China

A "recommendation" may be a scrap of paper, or a social explosive. If we take our Christianity seriously we must, before the National Christian

Conference is too far behind us, think through the implications in the endorsing by that Conference of a labor standard for China.

At the Conference the one set of resolutions lifted out of the one hundred and fifty recommendations before the business committee for consideration by the Conference as a whole, and passed, with one dissenting vote, by its 1,189 delegates, read as follows:

"That the Church, recognizing the need for a labor standard for China, endorse the setting as a goal of the standard adopted at the first International Conference of the League of Nations dealing with hours of work, unemployment, employment of women before and after childbirth, night work for women and children, safeguarding the health of workers, and child labor.

In full realization of the difficulty of putting these standards into effect in China at once, we recommend that the following standard be adopted and promoted by the Church for immediate application in the factories of China:

- a. No employment of children under 12 full years of age.
- b. One day's rest in seven.
- c. The safeguarding of the health of workers.
e.g., limiting working hours, improvement of sanitary conditions, installation of safety devices, etc."

It is six months since that stand was taken, by representatives of all the Protestant forces in China. What is the Church doing to promote it?

The time need not be wasted here that has been so tragically lost in the West, in dallying with the question of whether the church is directly concerned in securing social justice. We understand better than preceding generations were able to, that the teachings of Jesus concern man in all his relationships, and take life whole. We may be proud that the Christian Church in China has declared, earlier than ever before in the development of industry in a nation, that it is clearly a part of her business to see that the conditions under which men and women and children are at present working in factories, are radically changed, she has recognized in all honesty, that to

preach Jesus Christ to people working under conditions He would have spurned, is nothing less than travesty.

We would judge from the eager response which has been made when in the last few weeks the proposed Labor Standard has been presented to various church groups, that the cause of Christianizing industrial relationships in China may provide a welcome new means of putting the Christian message into such pragmatic terms as will appeal with peculiar force to the Chinese people. There could be no more effective means, for example, of meeting on their own ground, the leaders of the anti-religion movement. Several church groups have already taken action in endorsing the Labor Standard. We suggest that a study of the industrial section of the report of Commission II, and a consideration of the proposed standard, would be an invaluable task for local, provincial or national church bodies to set themselves within the coming few months. Of striking significance is the fact that in connection with the present visit to China of Mr. Sherwood Eddy, the Chinese Chambers of Commerce of Chefoo and Peking have within the last few weeks officially endorsed this standard. If employers and church leaders alike deal thus courageously with this matter all over China within the next few months, such a humanizing of the present uncurbed industrial system may result as will make the industrializing of China unique in history.

The following resolution was passed by the Executive Committee of the National Christian Council, at its meeting, Friday, November tenth: *resolved that*

"In view of the special instructions of the National Christian Conference to the National Christian Council to give the widest publicity to the standards adopted at the Conference;

In view further of the special interest in this subject being created by the visit of Dr. Sherwood Eddy to China;

VOTED that the executive committee of the National Christian Council request the Committee on Industrial Relations to take advantage of Dr. Eddy's visit by calling together for conference those especially interested in the adoption of these standards, providing this can be done

without involving the Council in financial obligations."

For material bearing on this question or for any further information, address, at 20 Museum Road, Shanghai, any one of the officers of the Industrial Committee which is at present carrying the followup work of the industrial recommendations passed by the National Conference: Mr. C. E. Patton, Chairman, Miss Harriet Rietveld and Mr. Philip Cheng, Secretaries.

Chinese Executive Secretaries

Miss Fan Yu-jung

Miss Fan was a member of the Congregational Church connected with the American Board Mission in Peking. She was educated in the Women's Union College in Peking and had a year of Y. W. C. A. training in the training school of that Association in New York. She taught in Bridgman Academy for four years and for four years she was Publication Secretary of the National Committee of the Y. W. C. A., for two years, Traveling City Secretary of the same Committee. She was a member of Commission V, which prepared for the National Conference.

Rev. K. T. Chung

Rev. K. T. Chung was born of Presbyterian parents and had his early training in the Lowrie High School connected with the Northern Presbyterian Mission in Shanghai, later graduating from St. John's University. He has served as rector of St. Paul's Church, St. Peter's Church and is Secretary of the Diocese Synod, Kiangsu Province. Mr. Chung is a member of the Board of Missions of the Chung Hua Sheng Kung Hui, National Committee Y. M. C. A., Student Volunteer Movement, Committee on Health Education and is vice-Chairman of the Shanghai Y. M. C. A.

Resolution Constituting a National Christian Council

I

Appointment of National Christian Council.

WHEREAS the churches and missions throughout China have appointed delegates to this Conference for the purpose of considering how the cause of Christ in China may best be furthered,

The Conference, with a view to carrying forward its work, making provision for dealing with matters which concern the Christian movement throughout China, and promoting co-operation, resolves to appoint a National Christian Council.

It is understood that matters of doctrine and ecclesiastical polity lie outside the province of the National Christian Council. In regard to other matters the functions of the Council shall be advisory, but it is intended that the Council should act on behalf of the co-operating churches and missions in matters which concern their common interest when it has been ascertained that the action taken will be in accordance with the wishes of the co-operating bodies.

II Functions.

The functions of the Council shall be as follows,

1. To foster and express the fellowship and unity of the Christian Church in China and the realization of its oneness with the church throughout the world, and to provide an opportunity for united prayer and corporate thought toward this end.
2. To help make the central position of the Church in the Christian movement more generally recognized and accepted; to watch and study the development of the church in self-support, self government, and self propagation; to suggest methods and a course of action whereby the desired end may be more speedily and completely gained; to encourage every healthy movement of the church that leads to full autonomy; and to seek and work for the adaptation of the church to its environment and for its naturalization in China at as early a date as practicable.
3. To consider the needs of China on a nationwide basis and plan for the evangelization and uplift of the whole nation.
4. To help promote such mutual acquaintance between the leaders, both Chinese and missionary, from all over China and from all denominations as will create an atmosphere of respect and confidence and make co-operative work of all kinds, and union, where possible, seem natural, feasible and desirable.
5. To assist in developing a leadership in both churches and missions, experienced in dealing with nationwide problems and with both a national and an international viewpoint.
6. To provide a platform upon which representatives of churches, missions, departmental organizations and other Christian agencies may discuss and plan for the correlation of the activities of the Christian forces throughout China.
7. To arrange for special seasons of prayer, organize forward evangelistic movements, plan for conventions and generally foster the spirit of the churches.
8. To provide a bureau of information and to conduct and publish the results of surveys for the guidance of churches, missions and mission boards.
9. To provide an agency in which such departmental, national organizations as the China Christian Educational Association, the China Medical Missionary Association, etc., may be coordinated.
10. To represent the Christian forces of China in their relation with national Christian organizations in other countries.
11. To serve as a means by which the Christian forces in China may express themselves unitedly when they so desire upon great moral or other issues.
12. To undertake such other work as may be committed to it by the national conference.
13. To provide for the calling of the next national conference.

III Method of Appointment

The Conference shall proceed to the appointment of the Council in accordance with the following plan.

The members of the Conference shall meet separately in denominational and other groups as set forth in the accompanying table, and each group shall nominate to the Conference as members of the Council the number of members assigned to it in the table.

Basis of Representation

For Appointing Delegates to the National Christian Council,

Communicants	Representatives
3,000—5,000	1
5,000—10,000	2
10,000—15,000	3
15,000—20,000	4
20,000—30,000	5
30,000—40,000	6
40,000—50,000	7
50,000—60,000	8
60,000—70,000	9
70,000—80,000	10
80,000—90,000	11

For former basis of representation see report of Commission V pages 33-35.

Church and Mission Groups	Representatives.		
	Total	Chinese	Missionary
Anglican	5	3	2
Baptist	7	4	3
Congregational	5	3	2
Lutheran	6	3	3
Methodist	10	5	5
Presbyterian	11	6	5
Other Societies			
China Inland Mission	8	4	4
Christian and Missionary Alliance	1	—	1
Seventh-Day Adventists	1	1	—
All others (42 Missions)	3	1	2
Chinese Independent Churches	3	3	—
	60	33	27
Organizations other than Churches and Missions.			
Colleges and Universities	4	2	2
Y. M. C. A.	4	3	1
Y. W. C. A.	2	1	1
National Departmental Organizations	3	1	2
Literature and Tract Societies	2	1	1
	15	8	7

When the number to be nominated is four or more, at least one of those nominated shall be a woman, and when the number is nine or more; at least two of those nominated shall be women.

The seventy five members thus nominated shall meet as a nominating committee and propose to the Conference twenty five additional names, chosen with a view to making the

membership of the National Christian Council as representative as possible of the various activities and interests of the Christian movement in China. The majority of these shall be Chinese.

The one hundred persons thus nominated shall, when approved by the Conference, constitute the National Christian Council which council shall serve until its successor has been appointed by the next Christian Conference.

IV. Filling of Vacancies

Vacancies in the membership of the Council shall be filled by the Council. When the vacancy is caused by the death or resignation of a member of the Council nominated by one of the denominational groups, the Council shall fill the vacancy by a representative of one of the bodies belonging to that group upon nomination of the members of the Council from the group from which a representative is to be elected.

Any member of the Council who is absent from China for a period of more than one year shall place his resignation in the hands of the Council.

V. Meetings

The National Christian Council shall hold an annual meeting.

VI. Officers

The National Christian Council shall elect its own officers. Subject to the provision of the necessary funds the National Christian Council shall be empowered to make such appointments for whole time service as the work entrusted to it may demand.

The officers appointed for whole time service or so many of them as the National Christian Council shall determine shall be members, ex officio, of the National Christian Council and of its executive committee, provided for later, and of all standing and special committees appointed by these bodies unless otherwise decided, but without vote.

VII. The Executive Committee

The National Christian Council shall appoint from its own members an executive committee of not more than twenty-one members, a majority of whom shall be Chinese, with terms of service of three years. The terms of service shall be so arranged that one third shall serve for one year, one third for two years and one third for

three years and that after the first appointment one third shall be appointed each year. Members shall be eligible for re-election. All terms shall expire with the holding of the succeeding National Christian Conference.

VIII. Affiliated Organizations

In order that the National Christian Council may represent all phases of Christian activity such national departmental organizations as the China Medical Missionary Association, the China Christian Educational Association, the China Christian Literature Council, the China Sunday School Union, etc. and similar organizations which may be formed in the future, may, upon a two thirds vote of the Council, be recognized as affiliated organizations.

The practical methods of affiliation shall be determined from time to time by the National Christian Council in consultation with such organizations, and may vary with the different organizations.

IX Expenses

The National Christian Council shall prepare an annual budget to cover its own expenses and this together with the budgets of the Affiliated Organizations shall be sent as an appeal for funds to church and other Christian organizations in China, to individual givers in China and elsewhere, and to the missionary societies abroad through the national mission-

ary organizations in the different countries.

"The Council shall not assume financial obligations for expenditures for any given year beyond the amount available for the preceding year, except as the fund for such increase in expenditures may have been assured. The Council shall not be authorized to incur debts which may become an obligation upon the Christian Church in China or other co-operating bodies.

X. National Conference

The National Christian Council shall call and make all necessary arrangements for a further national conference to meet within a period not to exceed ten years, to be composed of representatives, nine tenths of whom shall be elected directly by the authoritative bodies of the churches, missions and other Christian agencies in China, and one tenth shall be co-opted by the National Christian Council.

The size of the National Conference shall be determined by the National Christian Council. A majority of members shall be Chinese. The method of determining the number of representatives to which each of the various churches, missions and other Christian agencies are entitled shall be fixed by the National Christian Council so as to secure, as far as possible, an adequately representative conference.

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